

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—**St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated** to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 4 Week 5

21st November 2011

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Week Five and what an important week this will be with the results from next weekends election promising to set the tone for the type of country that New Zealand will be for the foreseeable future.

We in New Zealand are lucky because our votes all count and we all have the ability to have a say in the direction in which our country is going. The challenge I think, is to not see the political landscape as parliamentarians do in terms of three years but rather to take a longer term view. What will New Zealand be like for my children when they begin to vote?

Obviously education is a portfolio that has a huge effect on the future of our country so please ensure that you know what each of the political parties will deliver with regards to education for our children's future.

The children and teachers are working very hard at the moment on our end of year concert and there are a number of other outings and occasions coming up. If you can help in any way then please speak to your child's class teacher as all help will be gratefully accepted—have a great week.

**Have a great week,
Mike Brosnahan**

62 Church Street, Mosgiel, Dunedin 9024

Room 7 Assembly



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Art Work Calendars/Cards and Diaries

Once again the children and teachers are busy working on Artwork for either Calendars \$9, Greeting Cards \$10 a pack of 8, or new this year, Diaries \$14.

Samples are on display at the school office.

Order forms will go home today, and we will need the orders in **by this Friday 25th November**.

St Marys PTA Christmas Trail

The PTA have arranged to do a Christmas Trail this year, on Sunday 18th December 7.30-9.30pm.

Come and join in for a drive around Mosgiel to see the Christmas decorations and lights on houses and gardens.

Tickets only cost \$5pp, available at the school office, AMI Mosgiel, and Rosies Gift Shop.

Invite family and friends to join us and enjoy this magical time of the year.

We are looking for two more houses to complete the trail.

One inside Christmas decorated room.

One outdoor house with Christmas lights.

Please contact Kate Grindley if you know of anyone that may be able to help. Phone 484 7712



Deacon Vaughan Hook to be Ordained as a Priest

On Friday 3rd December at 7pm in our Parish our ex-pupil Deacon Vaughan Hook is to be ordained as a Priest.

He has asked if the school choir would like to be involved in this special ceremony.

We would sing for 20 minutes before his Mass started, please see Mary Dillon if you are available.

Year 8 Careers Day – 9th of December

We need your help! Can you help?

The aim of the day is for the students to spend a full day seeing what happens with the profession/vocation/job they have chosen and helping out where they can.

To make this day a reality for the students we need members of our school and wider community to offer an opportunity to one or two students for the day. We realise in this day and age with health and safety standards there are not the same opportunities accessible to the students as in the past.

Careers Day will be held on Friday the 9th of December.

- Are you able to have a student or two spend the day with you?
- Do you know someone in our local or wider community who can help host a student or two for the day?

If you can help please leave a message with the office or talk with Mrs Judy Baines as soon as possible.

Glow in the Dark Glasses for sale!

Great for the Elton John Concert or for New Years Eve, only \$2.50 per pair. Available at the school office.

Altar Servers Sunday 20th November
Quintin Petre, Mitchell & Mason Cumming

Looking Ahead Term 4

November

21st—1st Dec Senior Swimming

29th—2nd Life Education Bus

December

5th Matinee—school production

7/8th School Production

13th First Reconciliation 7pm

PTA BBQ lunch (provided)

14th Kavanagh Production Rms 5-7

BOT Meeting 7.30pm

15th Final Mass 6pm, farewell to our Yr 8 pupils—all pupils to be in uniform.

16th Clean up morning, children to be pickup by lunch time.

First Day Back for Term 1 2012 is Tuesday 31st January.

Term Accounts

Term 3 and 4 invoices have been combined as there were very few expenses last term. These will go home in the next few days once all of this terms expenses are finalised.

We have a new school bank account number
ASB 12 3196 0004102 00
Please update for your payments.



A thought for the week...

Enthusiasm is contagious,
You can start an epidemic.

-Unknown

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Christmas Trail

Come and join us for a drive around Mosgiel to see the Christmas decorations and lights on houses and in gardens at this magical time of year

Drinks, nibbles, Christmas treats and entertainment will be at the houses, along with Santa!

Sunday 18th December 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Meet at St Mary's School at 7.15 pm to be provided with a map and further instructions on which house to visit first

Tickets \$5 per person

Available from Rosies Gift Shop, AMI Mosgiel or St Mary's School office

Queries to Kate 484 7712

Beginners Guitar Lessons with Mrs Dillon



"Christmas Celebration" School Production

Tickets for our Christmas Performance will be on sale from the start of next week. We are having a performance on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December, 7pm.

You need to purchase tickets for the evening you wish to attend. There are a limited number of tickets for each night's show.

Tickets cost \$2 per person and can be purchased from the school foyer from the 28th November – 7th December at 8:45 – 9 am.

Alternatively you can send an envelope to your child's class teacher stating the exact number of tickets required, the preferred night and the correct money for the tickets. Tickets are not available directly from the school office.

There is a Matinee performance on Monday the 5th of December. This show does not require tickets.

Many thanks

Judy Baines (Ticket Co-ordinator)

